REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the related application information.

Applicants have also amended the specification to insert a description of the 27 amino acid BPI leader sequence (amino acids -27 through -1 of SEQ ID NO: 2) present in vector pING4144, which was described in U.S. Patent No. 5,420,019 (incorporated by reference multiple times, including at page 12, line 27 of the present specification). See, e.g., Col. 9, lines 3-6 and lines 29-39; Col. 7 lines 12-20 of the '019 patent.

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